

**OFFICE OF STATEWIDE HEALTH PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT  
CALIFORNIA EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT AND  
AMBULATORY SURGERY DATA REPORTING MANUAL,  
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**EXPECTED SOURCE OF PAYMENT**

**Section 97265**

*The patient's expected source of payment, defined as the type of entity or organization which is expected to pay or did pay the greatest share of the patient's bill, shall be reported using the following categories:*

**DISCUSSION**

Specifications for reporting this data element with the Record Entry Form for online web entry of individual records or online data file transmission for encounters occurring on or after January 1, 2005:

<b>15. EXPECTED SOURCE OF PAYMENT</b>	
<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 20px; margin: 0 auto;"></div>	
09	Self Pay
11	Other Non-federal programs
12	Preferred Provider Organization (PPO)
13	Point of Service (POS)
14	Exclusive Provider Organization (EPO)
16	Health Maintenance Organization (HMO) Medicare Risk
AM	Automobile Medical
BL	Blue Cross/Blue Shield
CH	CHAMPUS (TRICARE)
CI	Commercial Insurance Company
DS	Disability
HM	Health Maintenance Organization
MA	Medicare Part A
MB	Medicare Part B
MC	Medicaid (Medi-Cal)
OF	Other federal program
TV	Title V
VA	Veterans Affairs Plan
WC	Workers' Compensation Health Claim
00	Other

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***(a) Self-pay: Payment directly by the patient, guarantor, relatives or friends. The greatest share of the patient's bill is not expected to be paid by any form of insurance or other third party.***

***(b) Other Non-Federal Programs. Include any form of payment from local, county, or state government agencies. Include payment from county funds, whether from county general funds or from other funds used to support county health programs including County Indigent Programs including County Medical Services Program (CMSP), California Health Care for Indigent Program (CHIP), County Children's Health Initiative Program (C-CHIP), and Short-Doyle funds. Also include the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP), Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board (MRMIB), Health Families Program (HFP), and Access for Infants and Mothers (AIM).***

**DISCUSSION**

This category **does not** include Title V for California Children Services (CCS) payments. See (q).

***(c) Preferred Provider Organization (PPO).***

**DISCUSSION**

This category includes Blue Cross/Blue Shield or commercial insurance companies under a PPO arrangement.

This category **does not** include Blue Cross/Blue Shield or commercial insurance companies on a Fee for Service basis. See (h) and (j).

This category **does not** include Medi-Cal patients covered under a PPO arrangement. See (o).

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***(d) Point of Service (POS).***

**DISCUSSION**

This category includes Blue Cross/Blue Shield or commercial insurance companies under a POS arrangement.

This category **does not** include Blue Cross/Blue Shield or commercial insurance companies on a Fee for Service basis. See (h) and (j).

This category **does not** include Medi-Cal patients covered under a POS arrangement. See (o).

***(e) Exclusive Provider Organization (EPO).***

**DISCUSSION**

This category includes Blue Cross/Blue Shield or commercial insurance companies under an EPO arrangement.

This category **does not** include Blue Cross/Blue Shield or commercial insurance companies on a Fee for Service basis. See (h) and (j).

This category **does not** include Medi-Cal patients covered under an EPO arrangement. See (o).

***(f) Health Maintenance Organization (HMO) Medicare Risk. Medicare is defined by Title XVIII of the Social Security Act (42 USC 1395 et seq.) and Title I of the Federal Medicare Act (PL 89-97). Include Medicare patients covered under an HMO arrangement.***

**DISCUSSION**

This category includes Medicare patients covered under an HMO arrangement only.

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***(g) Automobile Medical: Include PPO, POS, EPO, HMO and Fee for Service or any other payment resulting from automobile coverage.***

***(h) Blue Cross/Blue Shield. Include only Fee for Service payments. Report PPO, POS, EPO, and HMO under the appropriate stated categories.***

**DISCUSSION**

This category includes Blue Cross/Blue Shield on a Fee for Service basis only.

This category **does not** include Blue Cross/Blue Shield under a PPO, POS, EPO, or HMO arrangement. See (c), (d), (e), and (l).

***(i) CHAMPUS (TRICARE). Include any PPO, POS, EPO, HMO, Fee for Service, or other payment from the Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services or from TRICARE.***

***(j) Commercial Insurance Company. Report payment from insurance carriers on a Fee for Services basis. Exclude PPO, POS, and EPO payments.***

**DISCUSSION**

This category includes commercial insurance companies on a Fee for Service basis only.

This category **does not** include Blue Cross/Blue Shield on a Fee for Service basis. See (h).

This category does not include commercial insurance companies, Automobile Medical, or CHAMPUS (TRICARE) under PPO, POS, or EPO arrangements. See (c), (d), (e), and (g).

***(k) Disability.***

**DISCUSSION**

This category includes payments resulting from disability coverage.

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***(l) Health Maintenance Organization (HMO). Report HMO payors. Include Knox-Keene licensed plans as well as out of State HMO plans. No Plan Code Number or Plan Code Name is required for ED or AS records. Report Medicare payments covered under an HMO arrangement as Health Maintenance Organization (HMO) Medicare Risk. Report Medi-Cal patients covered under an HMO arrangement as Medicaid.***

**DISCUSSION**

This category includes Blue Cross/Blue Shield or commercial insurance companies HMOs. Both California HMOs (Knox-Keene) and out-of-state HMOs are included.

This category **does not** include Medicare or Medi-Cal under a HMO arrangement. See (m), (n), and (o).

***(m) Medicare Part A: Defined by Title XVIII of the Social Security Act. Covers inpatient hospital stays, care in a skilled nursing facility, hospice care, and some home health care.***

***(n) Medicare Part B: : Defined by Title XVIII of the Social Security Act. Covers some outpatient hospital care and some home health services.***

***(o) Medicaid. Medicaid is called Medi-Cal in California. Defined by Title XIX of the Social Security Act and Title I of the Federal Medicare Act (PL 89-97). Report all Medi-Cal including Fee for Service, PPO, POS, EPO, and HMO.***

***(p) Other Federal Program: Report federal programs not covered by any other category.***

***(q) Title V. Defined by the Federal Medicare Act (PL 89-97) for Maternal and Child Health. Title V of the Social Security Act is administered by the Health Resources and Services Administration, Public Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services. Include a Maternal and Child Health program payment that is not covered under Medicaid (Medi-Cal). California Children Services (CCS) payment should be reported here.***

***(r) Veterans Affairs Plan: Include any PPO, POS, EPO, HMO, Fee for Service, or other payment resulting from Veterans Administration coverage.***

***(s) Workers' Compensation Health Claim. Payment from Workers' Compensation Health Claim insurance should be reported under this category.***

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***(t) Other. Includes payments by governments of other countries. Includes payment by local or organized charities, such as the Cerebral Palsy Foundation, Easter Seals, March of Dimes, Shriners, etc. Includes payments not listed in other categories.***

**DISCUSSION FOR ALL CATEGORIES**

The payer that is expected to pay or did pay the greatest share of the patient's bill is the primary payer. Report only the primary payer to OSHPD.

The list of payer categories are found in three implementation guides:

- 1) 837 Health Care Service: Data Reporting Guide,
- 2) 837 Health Care Claim: Institutional, and
- 3) 837 Health Care Claim: Professional

Due to lack of definitions, five payer categories were not included in this data element and are not accepted by OSHPD as valid payers. They are Central Certification, Indemnity Insurance, Liability, Liability Medical, and Mutually Defined or Unknown. If your facility uses any of these payer categories, please assign them to "Other" when reporting to OSHPD. See (t).